the altercation it might have been misunderstood. Anyhow, I shall have it inquired into. No aspersions need be cast on the Sub-Inspector even now."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In view of the statement of the Hon. Minister, I think the hon. Member is not pressing his motion."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I do not press it, Sir."

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* ARREST OF VOLUNTEERS OF COCHIN PANDHIKASALA THOZHILALI UNION.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan has given notice of an adjournment motion which reads as follows :—

'This House stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the arrest of about thirty-six volunteers of Cochin Pandhikasala Thozhilali Union during the third and fourth weeks of March 1955, who were peacefully picketing the gates of Parry & Co., Fort Cochin to have the retrenched workers reinstated, which action of the Police has caused much anxiety and alarm among the labour population of Fort Cochin who form more than fifty per cent of the total population of the town.'

" This motion is clearly out of order. I am not going to allow the hon. Member to speak."

IV.—STATISTICS *RE* THE WORKING OF THE ASSEMBLY IN THE CURRENT SITTING.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House will be interested to know that this is a very memorable sitting of the House. I shall give some information to the House regarding this. From 7th February to 2nd April 1955, the Assembly has sat for 44 days. The number of hours the Assembly has met—including the sitting of to-day—is 230. The number of days on which the Assembly met for more than 7 hours is 5. The number of Bills passed including the Bills that may be passed to-day—I assume that the Bills will be passed by the House—is 14. The number of statements made under rule 40 is 30. The number of discussions under rule 56 is 4. The cut motions on the Budget received are 1,662. The number of amendments received is 700. The number of unstarred questions to which answers were placed on the table of the House is 204. The number of starred questions answered is 1,370."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Have we created any records? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, in many respects."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" You have not given particulars regarding adjournment motions."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If I give them, I shall have to give the number of motions I have ruled out also." (Laughter.)